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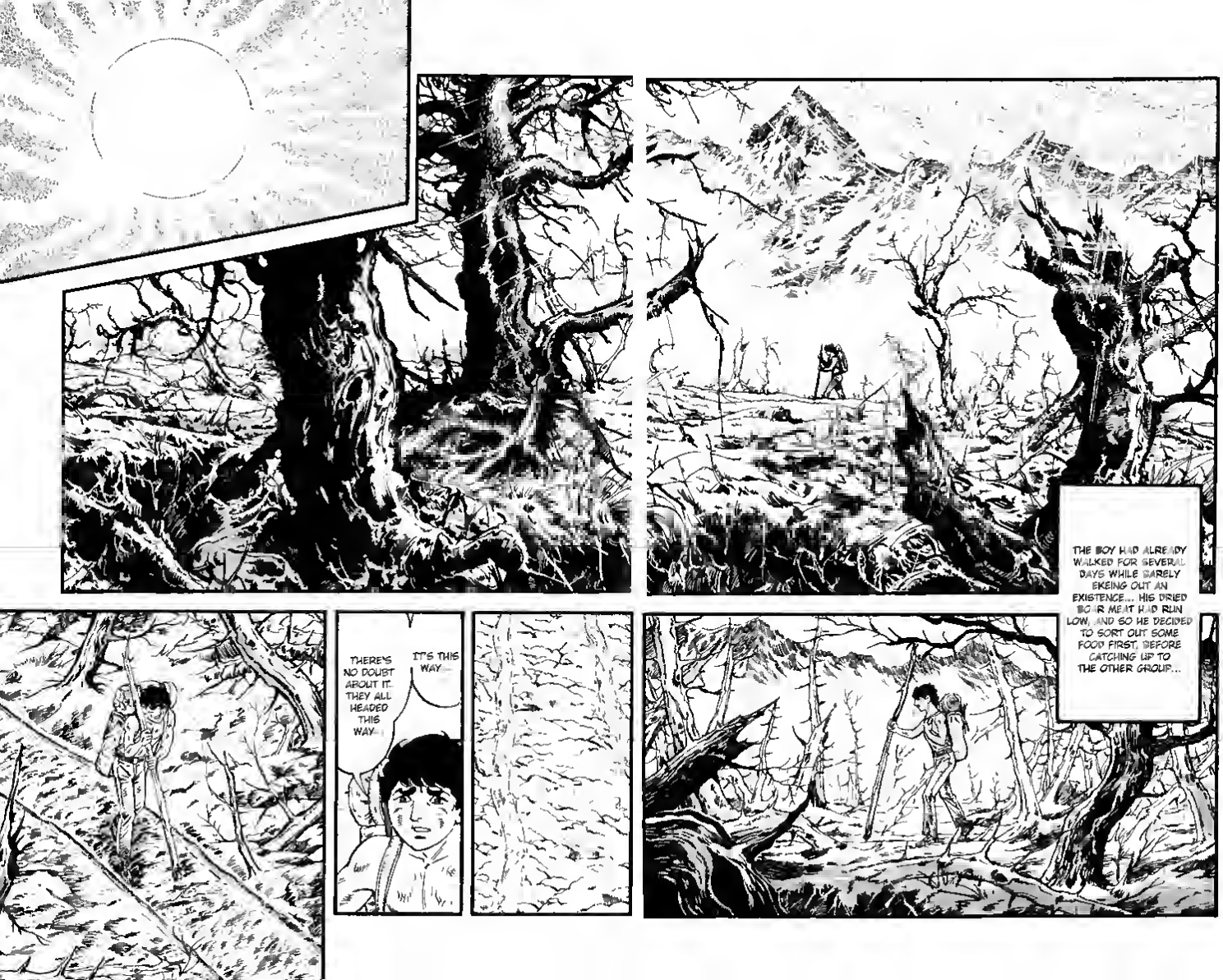
THE BOY HAD ALREADY WALKED FOR SEVERAL DAYS WHILE BARELY EKEING OUT AN EXISTENCE... HIS DRIED BOAR MEAT HAD RUN LOW, AND SO HE DECIDED TO SORT OUT SOME FOOD FIRST, BEFORE CATCHING UP TO THE OTHER GROUP...
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THEY ALL HEADED THIS WAY...
IT'S THIS WAY...

STAY LIKE THIS, AND I'LL COLLAPSE BEFORE I CAN EVEN GET TO THEM...
I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO EAT...
THOUGH UNLIKE ME, HE MAY NOT EVEN BE WORRIED ABOUT FOOD...
I WONDER HOW SHIRO'S DOING...
FOOD EH...
STILL, I SHOULD FIND A RIVER AND CATCH SOME FISH...
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LIVE ON... LIVE ON, SHIRO...

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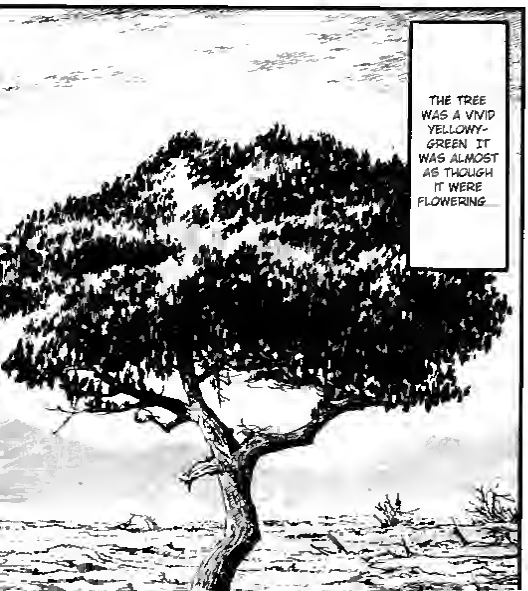
THE TREE WAS A VIVID YELLOWY-GREEN IT WAS ALMOST AS THOUGH IT WERE FLOWERING...

IT'S JUST LIKE
WH... WHAT'S THAT?! WHAT'S WITH THAT TREE...?!

THE THE TREE'S MOVING!

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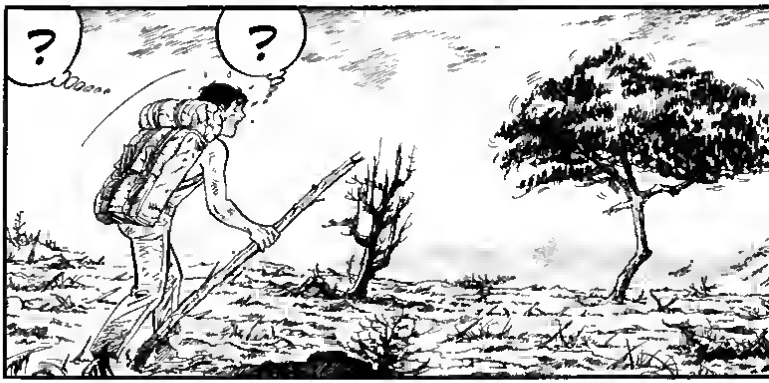
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THEY'RE BUDGIES!
THOSE ARE A TYPE OF PARROT!

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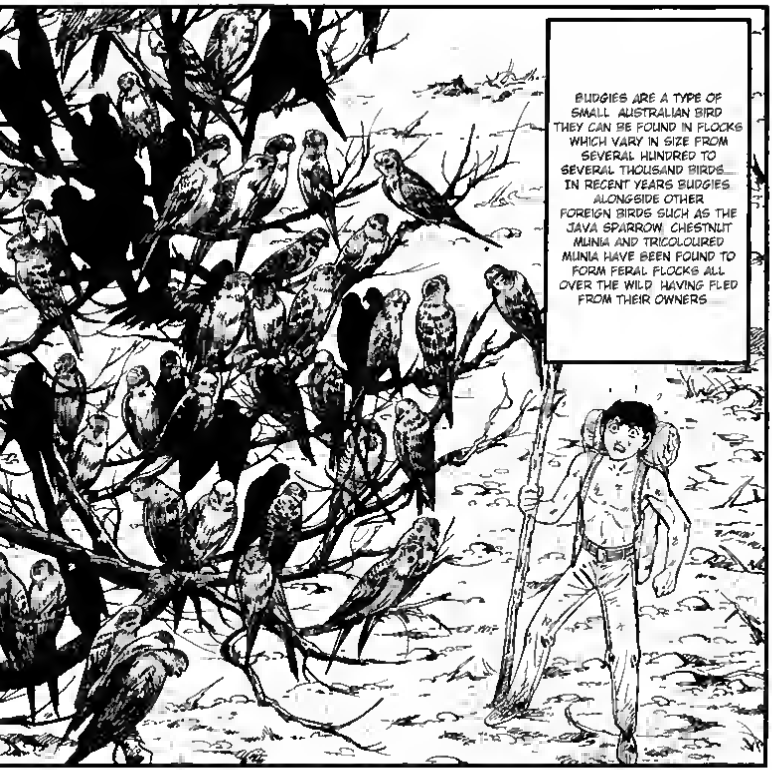
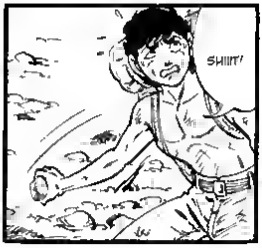

BUDGIES ARE A TYPE OF SMALL AUSTRALIAN BIRD THEY CAN BE FOUND IN FLOCKS WHICH VARY IN SIZE FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED TO SEVERAL THOUSAND BIRDS... IN RECENT YEARS BUDGIES ALONGSIDE OTHER FOREIGN BIRDS SUCH AS THE JAVA SPARROW, CHESTNUT MUNIA AND TRICOLOURED MUNIA HAVE BEEN FOUND TO FORM FERAL FLOCKS ALL OVER THE WILD HAVING FLED FROM THEIR OWNERS...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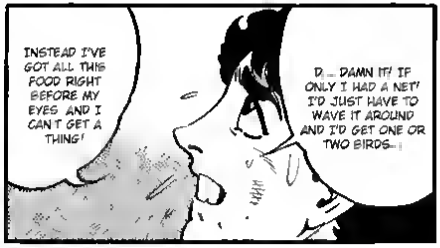
INSTEAD I'VE GOT ALL THIS FOOD RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES AND I CAN'T GET A THING!
D... DAMN IT! IF ONLY I HAD A NET! I'D JUST HAVE TO WAVE IT AROUND AND I'D GET ONE OR TWO BIRDS...

TAKE THIS!
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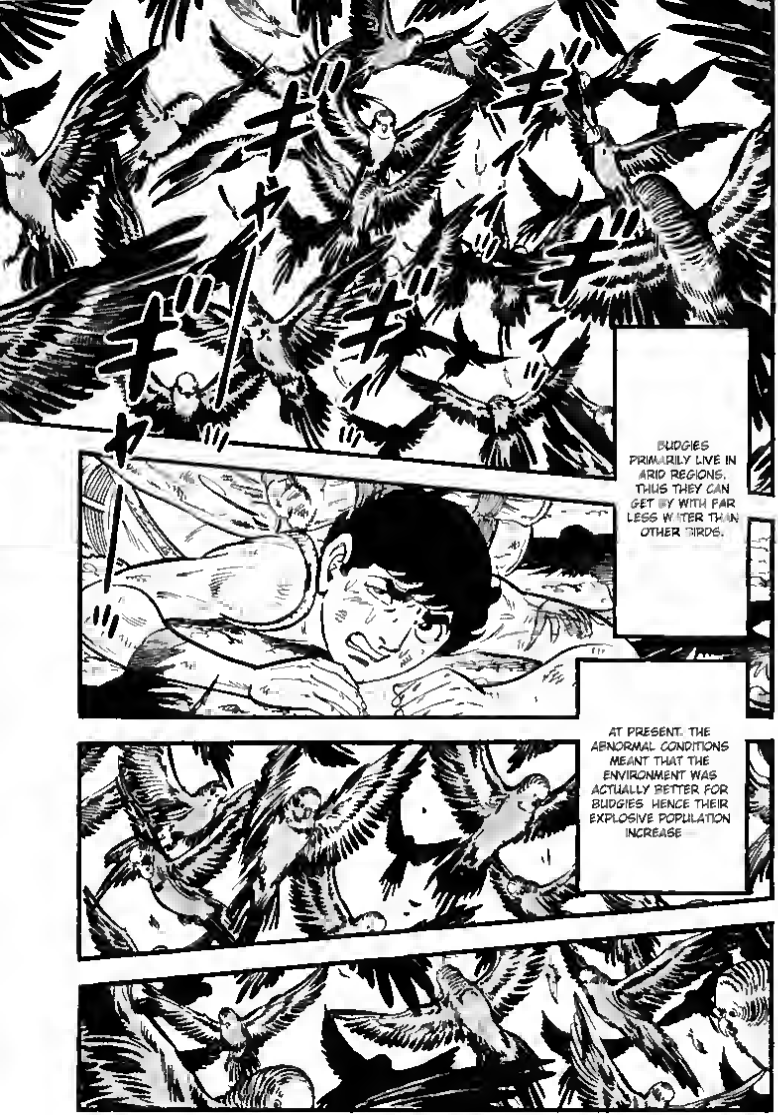
ARGH!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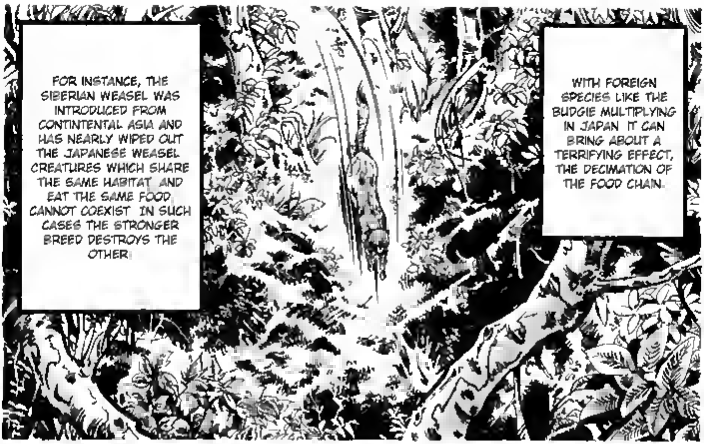
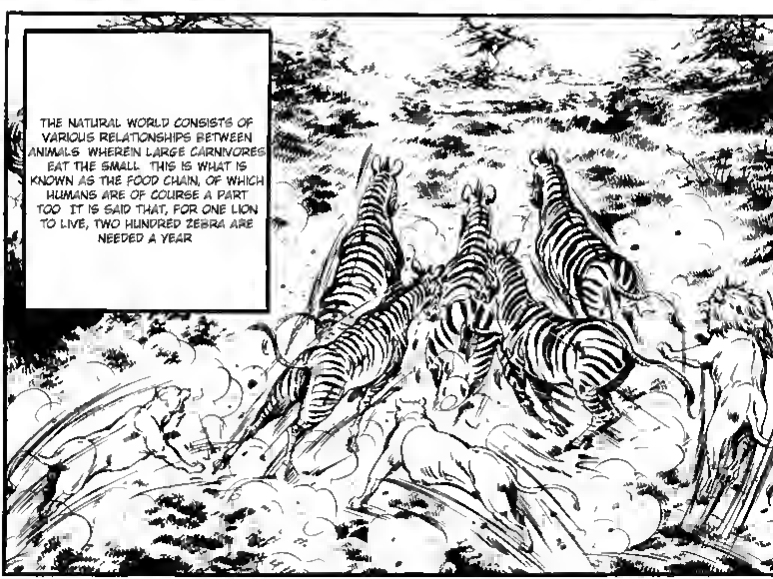
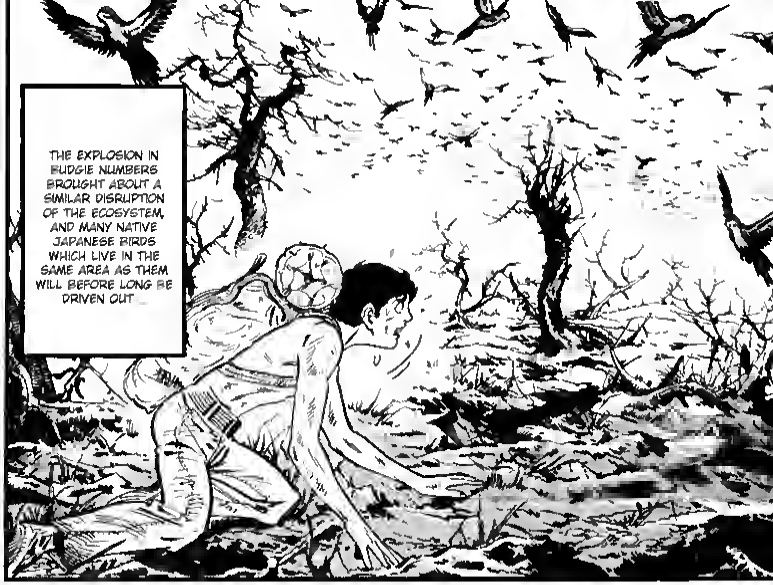
BUDGIES PRIMARILY LIVE IN ARID REGIONS. THUS THEY CAN GET BY WITH FAR LESS WATER THAN OTHER BIRDS.
AT PRESENT, THE ABNORMAL CONDITIONS MEANT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT WAS ACTUALLY BETTER FOR BUDGIES HENCE THEIR EXPLOSIVE POPULATION INCREASE


FOR INSTANCE, THE SIBERIAN WEASEL WAS INTRODUCED FROM CONTINTENTAL ASIA AND HAS NEARLY WIPED OUT THE JAPANESE WEASEL. CREATURES WHICH SHARE THE SAME HABITAT AND EAT THE SAME FOOD CANNOT COEXIST. IN SUCH CASES THE STRONGER BREED DESTROYS THE OTHER!
WITH FOREIGN SPECIES LIKE THE BUDGIE MULTIPLYING IN JAPAN IT CAN BRING ABOUT A TERRIFYING EFFECT, THE DECIMATION OF THE FOOD CHAIN.


THE NATURAL WORLD CONSISTS OF VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ANIMALS WHEREIN LARGE CARNIVORES EAT THE SMALL. THIS IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE FOOD CHAIN, OF WHICH HUMANS ARE OF COURSE A PART TOO. IT IS SAID THAT, FOR ONE LION TO LIVE, TWO HUNDRED ZEBRA ARE NEEDED A YEAR

THESE ZEBRA REQUIRE AROUND 20 000 SQUARE KILOMETRES OF GRASSLAND TO SURVIVE HOWEVER, WERE SOME NEW BREED OF PEST TO BREAK OUT ON THE GRASS-LAND AND CAUSE HALF OF THE AREA TO WITHER, THEN 100 OR SO ZEBRA WOULD STARVE IN TURN THEN THE LIONS TOO STARVE TO DEATH
THIS IS ONE WAY IN WHICH EXCTINCTION OCCURS. IN TIME OTHER SPECIES WOULD BE WIPED OUT TOO IT IS TRULY SOMETHING WHICH POSSESSES A NOTABLE DANGER.


THE EXPLOSION IN BUDGIE NUMBERS BROUGHT ABOUT A SIMILAR DISRUPTION OF THE ECOSYSTEM, AND MANY NATIVE JAPANESE BIRDS WHICH LIVE IN THE SAME AREA AS THEM WILL BEFORE LONG BE DRIVEN OUT...

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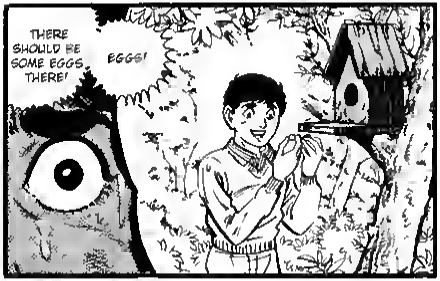
THERE SHOULD BE SOME EGGS THERE!
EGGS!

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THEY'RE TASTY!
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PARROTS WILL USE THEIR LARGE BEAKS TO DIG OUT A HOLE IN WITHERED TREES IN WHICH THEY USUALLY LAY AROUND FOUR TO EIGHT EGGS.
HEHEHE
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
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IF THERE ARE EGGS THEN NATURALLY THERE'LL BE CHICKS TOO
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RIGHT NOW THEY WERE A PRECIOUS SOURCE OF PROTEIN FOR THE BOY...

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IT'S SO CUTE! HEY, HEY, LET ME TRY IT THIS TIME SATORU.
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SHUUUT UP!
WANT ME TO EAT YOU LOT TOO!?

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WHAT DID YOU DO TO THAT POOR LITTLE THING ?!
HEY, SATORU !

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NO MATTER, WHAT I'VE GOT TO LIVE!
I'VE GOT TO LIVE!

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IT'S HURT...
DON'T WORRY...
I'M NOT HUNGRY RIGHT NOW... I WON'T EAT YOU